



What is Measure B?

Measure B would provide up to a \$6.0 million dollar allocation based upon site needs through a general obligation (G.O.) bond program. The measure is intended to address the needs of the student population through new construction and renovation projects at Alexander Valley Elementary School.

What is a G.O. bond?

G.O. bonds fund projects such as the renovation of existing classrooms and school facilities, as well as construction of new buildings and classrooms. Similar to a home loan, G.O. bonds are typically repaid over 25 to 30 years. The loan repayment comes from a tax on all taxable property - residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial - located within the District's boundaries.

Why did the District place Measure B on the ballot?

Alexander Valley Elementary School is outdated and major upgrades and renovations need to be made. Also, the school does not currently have a multi-purpose room. This has been in the plans for nearly 40 years. There is nowhere to hold student assemblies and when it rains our students have no place to exercise, or do not have a place to eat together. By investing in our school, we can meet today's educational standards as well as better serve our community.



Why can't the District meet its facilities needs with its current budget?

Today, the scope of improvements needed at the Alexander Valley Union School District is far more than the current funding sources available. The per pupil funding which the District receives from the state is intended to be used for the day-to-day business of educating children and not the cost of upgrading, modernizing, and repairing facilities.

How did the District come up with the project list for Measure B?

Over the last 30 years, with input from staff, teachers, parents, community leaders, and an architect, the District has prepared a School Facilities Needs Analysis. The Needs Analysis identifies the major repairs and upgrades that need to be made.

Specific types of projects identified include:

- ✓ **Constructing a new multi-purpose room, which would include a cafeteria, for school and community use**
- ✓ **Modernizing classrooms, restrooms and school facilities**
- ✓ **Constructing a new kindergarten classroom**
- ✓ **Making health and safety improvements**

What will the passage of the measure mean for our students and the community?

Measure B will provide our students with a better learning environment by making repairs and upgrades to existing classrooms and school facilities; many of which are also used and available to the community.

What will happen if Measure B does not pass?

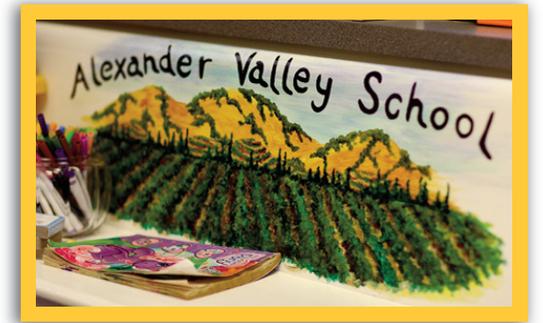
If Measure B does not pass, our classrooms and school facilities will continue to deteriorate and our students will continue to go without a multi-purpose room and cafeteria. In addition, funds that would otherwise go to classroom instruction will be needed to make critical safety repairs and improvements at our school. Major repairs will need to be postponed and as a result will potentially be more expensive to make in the future.

What will Measure B cost?

The tax rate per property owner is estimated to be \$28.25 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation per year (Assessed value is not to be confused with market value. Assessed valuations are the value placed on property by the County and are often lower than market values). Check your property tax statement for your current assessed valuation.

How can I be sure that Measure B funds will be spent on improving Alexander Valley Elementary School?

By law, all bond funds have to be spent locally and cannot be taken by the state. In addition, a local independent citizens' oversight committee will be established to ensure that bond funds are properly spent. Also by law, there must be annual audits of expenditures and no bond money can be used for teacher or administrative salaries.



**The Facts on Measure B,
the Local School Improvement Measure for the Alexander Valley Union School District**

